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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 29-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 and 38-68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 03/13/07 has been entered. Claims 1-68 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gohlke (US 5,372,366).

As per claims 1, 9, 19, 38, 45, 53, 58 and 63, Gohlke discloses a method of playing a wagering game using one or more decks of cards (see abs.) comprising: generating a set of random over numbers and a set of random under numbers (col. 5, lines 39-53); accepting one or more wagers from one or more players (see figs. 4A, 4B); dealing each wagering player one or more cards (see fig. 1); determining a value of the one or more player cards; and resolving an over/under player wager by determining whether the value of the one or more cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers (col. 5, lines 39-53). Gohlke does not explicitly disclose that the selection of random numbers is done prior to each new game but it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to randomly select a new set of numbers from a group of numbers prior to each new game as claimed because it would make the game more exciting for players waiting to place their wagers for the game to start.

As per claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, 20-26, 39-42, 44, 46-49, 51, 52, 54-57, 59-62 and 64-68, Gohlke discloses a method wherein resolving an odd/even player wager comprises determining whether the value of the one or more player cards is odd or even; wherein generating the set of random over numbers and the set of random under numbers is accomplished by using an electronic random number generator; wherein modulo 10 is used to determine the value of the one or more player cards; wherein an additional final card is dealt to each wagering player receiving one or more cards having a value of 0 or 9; wherein resolving a posts player wager comprises determining whether the value of all player cards is 0 or 9; wherein the set of random over numbers and the set of random under numbers each include four unique numbers between 1 and 8 (Gohlke discloses a deck of player card that is odd or even and wherein a random number can be selected and the value can be any number between 0 and 9).

4. Claims 3, 9, 17, 18, 21, 27, 28, 43 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gohlke (US 5,372,366) in view of Dreaper et al (US 2004/0090004 A1).

As per claim 3, 9, 17, 18, 21, 27, 28, 43, 50, Gohlke does not explicitly disclose a set of random numbers using a rotatable wheel and a display device but Dreaper discloses a method wherein generating the set of random over numbers and the set of random under numbers is accomplished by using a rotatable wheel, having a plurality of numbers depicted thereon, in combination with a wheel divider. Furthermore, Dreaper discloses a method wherein the value of the one or more community cards is displayed on a display device; wherein the value of the one or more community cards is displayed on a display device (page 3, [0026] – [0027]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the rotatable wheel and the display device as taught by Dreaper into the method and apparatus of Gohlke because it would increase the excitement and pace of game play by having more hands per hour.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 29-37 are allowed.

None of the references, either singularly or in combination, discloses or even suggests the conditions established in the following claims:

As per claims 29-31, a method of playing a wagering game using one or more decks of cards comprising: if said combined value is within a preestablished range, resolving an over/under player wager by determining whether the value of the one or more player cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers; and if said value is equal to one or more preestablished numbers outside the preestablished range, dealing the player an additional final card and resolving the over/under wager by determining whether the value of all player cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers.

As per claims 32-34, a method of playing a wagering game using one or more decks of cards comprising: if said value is within a preestablished range, resolving an over/under player wager by determining whether the value of the one or more community cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers; and if said value is equal to one or more preestablished numbers outside the preestablished range, dealing an additional final community

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card and resolving the over/under wager by determining whether the value of all community cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers.

As per claims 35-37, a method of playing a wagering game using one or more decks of cards comprising: if said value of the player hand is within a preestablished range, resolving an over/under player wager on the player's hand by determining whether the value of the one or more player cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers; if said value of the player hand is equal to one or more preestablished numbers outside the preestablished range, dealing the player an additional final card and resolving the over/under player wager on the player's hand by determining whether the value of all the player cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers; if said value of the community hand is within a preestablished range, resolving an over/under player wager on the community hand by determining whether the value of the one or more community cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers; and if said value of the community hand is equal to one or more preestablished numbers outside the preestablished range, dealing an additional final community card and resolving the over/under player wager on the community hand by determining whether the value of all community cards is in the set of over numbers or in the set of under numbers.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-68 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (571) 272-6784. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 - 3:00.

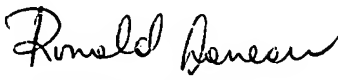
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pezzuto can be reached on (571) 272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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